

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
STATE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Friday, August 13, 2004

A Special Meeting of the State Properties Committee was held on Friday, August 13, 2004 and called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Jerome F. Williams. Other members present were, Genevieve Allaire-Johnson, Esquire, representing the Department of Attorney General and Mr. John Ryan, representing the Department of Administration. Also in attendance were Mr. Stephen Feinberg, from the RI Film and TV Office; Peter Dennehy, Esquire, from the Department of Administration and Mr. Henry Bronchtein, for Blind Decker Productions, Inc.

This meeting was held at the request of the Department for approval of License Agreement with Blind Decker Productions for use of the Cranston Street Armory.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for Blind Decker Productions to utilize the Cranston Street Armory for staging, set production and possible filming. The term of the License Agreement is from August 13, 2004 through February 10, 2005. This is something that the State has been involved with through Economic Development, the Governor's Office and others.

Mr. Feinberg gave an overview relative to the use of the facility. He stated that as a new film/TV Director for the State, he looked for opportunities for the State. This project came about regarding the filming of a television pilot. Blind Decker Productions was going to spend three days here and the rest in Toronto, Canada. With the help of the Governor and others, it was discussed with Showtime, for Blind Decker Productions, incentives to keep them here and shoot the entire pilot here rather than going to Toronto.

Hopefully, if the show is picked up for a series, the show will be shot here also, rather than going to Toronto. One of the incentives is to have the Cranston Street Armory as a working space to do some set construction and/or filming and storage space. After all discussions, Blind Decker Productions started productions August 1<sup>st</sup> and will begin shooting the week of August 30 and continuing until the end of September. The Certificate of Insurance has been submitted. A few language changes were made in the License Agreement. Blind Decker Productions will not store any chemicals at the Armory. The Chair, Mr. Williams stated a meeting had been held with the Fire Marshal to go over what the requirements would be for the utilization of the Armory and those have been incorporated into the License Agreement.

There may be some shooting for the film at the State House and discussions are taking place now regarding filming in certain areas of the Statehouse in September. Discussions have taken place with Speaker Murphy, Chief Tocco, and the Governor's Office regarding this. The Chair, Mr. Williams stated the next meeting of the State Properties Committee is September 14 and the License Agreement must be submitted prior to that meeting for review. Discussions ensued regarding the process and the Certificate of Insurance that would be required for the use of the State House. It was suggested that Mr. Kevin Carvalho, Risk Manager for the Division of Central Services, look at the Certificate of Insurance.

A Motion was made by Ms. Allaire-Johnson and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the request of the Department for approval and signatures on License Agreement with Blind Decker Productions, Inc. for the use of the Cranston Street Armory.

Passed Unanimously

There being no further matters to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned  
at 6:30 P.M.

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Anne L. Lanni, Executive Secretary